BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

DARIUS REED.

The first White Child Born on the Site the City of Chicago-Early Life in La Salle County.

[A variety of hindrances beyond our clusion of our sketch of our esteemed old Brookfield neighbor, Darius Reed, but now we are free to conclude it, and follow with others of equal interest.

At the conclusion of our first chapter on Mr. Reed, his father had returned to Ohio. and Darius was hence bound to Mr. James Galloway, living south of Marseilles. We here insert Mr. Darius Reed's own account of some incidents in his life :-

A SHORT NARRATIVE OF DARIUS REED. then a mere trading post, and Ottawa had practice, finding that he could not retire if but few inhabitants. A few days after the he would in Gotham, gathered up as much birth of my baby brother father and I left of his money as he could and entered a for Covel creek, following an Indian trail large tract of land in Brookfield where he all the way to the mouth of Fox river lived comfortably many years. He was a Having arrived here we sent back a team well-read, bluff, kind and eccentric old to Chicago for mother and the child I gentleman, and in spite of his desire to remained here that winter and got my first quit medicine and enjoy his "otiom cum schooling in the winter of 1828.

ACCIDENTS AND INCIDENTS.

gear a "hen's nest." That made Covel old lady who was his next neighbor, as angry and he refused to grind any more soon as she found he was a celebrated phycorn for Bailey, and that gentleman's joke sician, at once became affected with ills too werked like a boomerang, for he had to numerous to mention, and the doctor's fall back upon his oid "hominy block" services were hourly in requisition. The

Galloway. In the spring of 1836 I crossed covery at the expiration of that time. She them badly. the Illinois river at Marseules to get the took the medicine, got well, boasted of the mail in a little trapping cance, a sort of an doctor's triumph and was paralyzed on a saw mill at that point and I was ploy him again. wards the opening. I crossed the river all Armstrong. right but coming back I got into the on the bottom, one end out pointing up self. tream. I was going right straight against | Mr. Kimball's saw mill was built in 1834. my paddles, jumped the "suck" and struck burned down. the up current which turned me as quickly shore, so I came out monarch of all I dead several years. surveyed.

of 1828, mentioned previously. I had to enjoys his old days and never misses an work over half the time for my board, and went three miles to school. My clothes at that time were of the most durable material. Deer skin was the fashion then for pants, and "wammusses" and "shoe packs" were made of sole leather after the style of Indian moccasons. I had buckskin with the hair on and the tall left on behind for a handle.

eaten eaten with fat pork gravy and washed down with sweet milk was the staple food of the country.

"Mr. Covel had a little mill which ran by water power on Covel creek, but it was so small that it could not grind much faster than a man could shell by hand "

As previously stated, after Mr. Reed, Sr. had bound out his children, Angel, Emeline and Darius, he returned to Ohio. From that day to this he has never been heard

of by any of his childben. The Hibbard family, of whom Darius' and some of them afterward moved to

Oregon. Darlus lived with Mr. Galloway a year or more until Mrs. Galloway died, then he went to Chicago, to his son-in-law, Mr. Clybourne, taking Darius with him. This leg ball. was in 1830. The young bound boy not liking his new master, and Mr. Galloway having returned to Marsellles, the young lad took French leave and ran away from Chicago. He was not legally bound to serve the Dr., but was the lawful apprentice of Mr Galloway, and he concluded to serve him or nobody. Mr. Galloway, who was a good man, received the boy kindly and he got along nicely till 1836, when Mr. Galloway gave him his liberty and a small

START FOR HIMSELF. Darius said he gadded about a spell. sowed a little "wild oats," got married in 1841 to Miss Mary H. Ford, whose father

taxes was the only obligation one could not pay in coop or deer skins, and "sitch," yet money enough for that purpose. The earcoasse. After an exhaustive day's labor tired and hungry, he frequently had to pound corn for his mush for supper. As ing of stones, one of which revolved upwas abandoned.

EARLY SETTLERS.

father waded through the tall grass along son, of Otter Creek. the Indian trail between Chicago and the moutn of Fox river, there was no Joliet, "We came from Ohio with the Hibbard was just beginning to be, and that was a \$2,500; but the greater number thought the championship of the world, on the 26th family, eight of them in number. We house or two on the south bluffs. The \$1,500 a fair price. The witnesses for the ult. stopped at Chicago, but they came on to first settler in Marseilles was probably defense testified that the property was the mouth of Fox river in 1827. Ottaws W. Ham Ritchie. Next came Lovell worth from \$2,500 to \$3,500. There were was then almost unknown. They settled Kimball, an active and intelligent business ubout 20 of them, and they made quite an test of six days, either in New York or on C v I creek. We remained in Chicago. man. Then came the Harringtons, Sim- imposing appearance. The jury, after Boston. then a swamp with two or three log houses mons and Ed. Hays. The earliest denizens viewing the premises, sllowed Mr. Reed Tom Connors, the champion catch as around old Fort Dearborn, a block house of west Brokfield were Dr Graham, who \$2,000. on Chicago river, for some time, till my was the partner of the celebrated Dr. Mott, brother Levi was born, who was the first of New York City, and a doctor of rare white child born in that city. Chicago was skill. He had grown old and to escape

dig his own potatoes" as he paraphrazed the familiar Latin of "worth, ease and "Mr. Covel bad a corn mill on the creek dignity." The neighbors soon discovered old gentleman, exasperated at her foolish-

Of the settlers who were there when Mr. "suck" and for my life could not get across Reed reached Ottawa, who are now living it. There was a log which had got stuck are Lewis Long, Jerry Pembroke and him-

it. I put my paddle in the water, gave a Mr. Reed helped to raise his grist mili at surge back, missed the log, then I played Marseilles, in 1836, and soon after both

To Mr. and Mrs. Reed were bern two as lightning could have done. There was children, Mary (dead) and Emiline, her no water running over the dam near the father's housekeeper, her mother being all the public schools, while by request of

Mr. Reed weighs 265 pounds, is in ex-"I fived with Thomas R. Covel the winter cellent health, and good circumstances, and old settler's picnic. J. G. Armstrong.

On Sunday afternoon, a man, employed in the LaChapelle works, chartered a rig at Peter Evans, and started out for a ride. Meeting a friend named Farrel, they drove over on the east side. Farrell was intoxicated and assumed control of the horse, pants, vest and coat, and a coonskin cap abusing it shamefully. A gentleman, near whose house the affair occured, telephoned Mr. Egan, and his son and a man from the *Most people had their hominy blocks in barn were sent over after the rig. After those days, on which they pounded corn chasing the men around the east side some for "pones" or "johnny cake," which when time, they were stopped, and the boy got into the buggy with the intention of driv ing it home. The men were enraged, and For attempted to throw him out, when the gentleman and a friend came to his assistance The horse was unhitched, leaving the men seated in the conveyance in the middle of the road, the horse taken into the gentlemans barn. Then came the exciting part of the matter. Farrell, having, in his intoxication, an idea that he was a great pugilist, went up upon the steps of the gentleman's house, when he was about to telephone for the police, and used the foulest language step mother was a member, drifted to Pekin he could command toward him and his friend. The gentleman became provoked, and upon Farrell's refusal to go away, struck him a terrible blow on the side of

> Thomas McCann, a stone mason, whose home was in Merris, was found burned to death on the road leading to La Salle early on Monday morning. He had been drinking heavily, and when his intoxication became so far advanced as to preclude locomotion, he had lain down in the road and gone to sleep, while his cigar set his cloth ing on fire. He had slowly roasted to death, while a large hole was burned into his chest. Coroner Clendenen held an inquest over the remains, and a verdict sustaining

the facts was rendered. "Buffalo Bill," alas Hon. W. F. Cody, was Mr. Aaron Ford, of Hickory Point, on received a thousand dollars per year when the other side of the water, and is announce the south side. The Ford family came he served in the army, but now as propried ed for Madrid, Spain. A great fight, and from Massachusetts to Saint Clair county, tor of the "Wild West" show, and the lion sports from all over the world will journey the Tin Pan Themlerer)-Ah? I havent in this state, in 1822, and thence in 1834 to of England, he is heard to complain of ill to see it. Hickory Point. Young Reed rented land luck if his profits do not reach one thous- Billy Meyer, who whacked the sawdust at the "Point" for three years. These were and dollars per day. "Bill" is becoming out of Harry Gilmore, near Minneapolis, in vertisement of an unpaid board bill .- Tid hard times in these days, and though rich on the snobs of the British Islands.

R. R. against Park Reed, who owns lot ? it was almost impossible for them to get in block 82, in the way of the proposed Billy is on the straight road that leads to double track and switch yards, was comly settler worked hard and his fare was menced on Monday afternoon, before Judge Snyder. Park wanted \$4,500 for his place and the Burlington people offered \$2,500. Park swore that the road wanted him to liffe to fight midway between Streator and an improvement on the housiny block, pay for the consolation of having it use his some one improvised a rude mill consist- property, while Richolson for the road, got an idea from Park's figures that the on another, upon the head of a flour barrel, road would be expected to convey the It was located at the springs north of moon with a red fence around it, to Park, control, have conspired to prevent the con- Reeds' and for a time was well patronized, in consideration for that house and lot until Mr. Green built a mill on a large The jury are: Basil Green, Chas. Simscale and got custom enough to afford mons, Michael Woodlock and Chas. Angegrinding at figures within the reach of the vine of Dayton; W. S. Trumbo, W. R. Lewis poorest settler, and then the hominy block and H. E. Poundstone, of Grand Rapids; Dan'l Horney, of Rutland; Ed. McGuire, of La Salle; Alf. Bernerd, of Serena; Jaz. In the days when Mr. Reed and his Holman, of Deer Park, and J. W. Stephen-

The witnesses for the plaintiff, nineteen in all, testified that they considered the Australia, and Edward Haulon, the famous no Morris and no Marseilles, and Ottawa property worth all the way from \$1,300 to American sculler, will row for \$5,000 and

> The 37th quarterly convention of the Total Abstinence Union, of La Salle, Putnam, Grundy, Kendall, Marshall and Livingston counties, at Wenona, Marshall county, 111., on Thursday and Friday, Nov 17 and 18, commencing at 2 p. m. Esch temperance society and church is entitled to send two delegates besides its presiding officer, who is ex-officio a delegate. Credentials of delegates should be forwarded as early as possible to Mrs. W. Hamilton, at Wenona, III.

Thieves entered the high school building south of Ottawa, which stream still bears that he was really and truly a "big medi- at Kankakee, Thursday night, and stole all his name. He used to grind corn for the cine man' of splendid skill, and so, in the clocks, dictionaries, etc., the value of farmers far and near. Among them was spite of bimself he received frequent calls the same being about \$40. They also en-Louis Balley, who gave his name to Ball at all times and in all seasons, and the old tered the Catholic church and carried away lev's Point. The latter was joker and made doctor's kindness of heart invariably got \$50 worth of property. The M. E. church fun of Covel's mill, calling its running away with his wishes in the premises. An also suffered to the amount of \$10 worth of stationery, a silver baptismal bowl, and a birthday offering box containing about \$15, were taken, as was also a valuable fishing outfit belonging to the minister.

A bleyclist caused a very serious run-"In 1832, during the Sloux war, I lived ness, called frequently, made a grand ado away at Joliet, the other day. A horse bewith Archibald Clybourn in Chicago, but of mixing up pills she was to take in doses came frightened at the machine and upthinking him too hard a master I left him of one in every fifteen minutes for 48 setting the vehicle to which it was attachin 1833 and returned to my old master, Mr. hours, and left predicting her complete re- ed, threw two ladies out, injuring one of

Robert Stephenson, an employe of the egg shell, and very difficult to keep right hearing from the doctor that the pills were Streator Coke Works, met his death side up even in still water Kimball had simply made of bread. She did not em beneath the wheels of a Burlington train at six o'clock on Monday evening. The above the dam. There was a break in it Besides these settlers were the Jennings, track was torn up and three or four cars near the south shore, and of course the Siglers, Lewises, Gages, and in the east of thrown off the track. His remains were water rushed with tremendous force to- the town the Dudleys, Drain, Moxson and horribly mangled and were found scattered

> The La Salle Republican says: "La Salle has more diptheria every day, so it seems. They have it in Tonica, too, it seems, and badly, but that don't make things any better for La Salle. A couple of scarlet fever cases are reported also. As an ally to diphtheria scarlet fever is just the thing. The Board of Education very wisely have closed the Health Officer the private schools have teen closed also. The Sunday Schools however, have not been ordered closed as far as known, though diptheria is very close in some quarters. The educational department of this municipality is now suspend ed, and awaiting restoration at the pleasure of contagious invited here by the past indifference of the government toward providing something like the common sani-This is one of the cases where the iniquities of the fathers are visited upon the children."

Sporting Notes, Guiless Bobbies, patient warders of the Haymarket and Strand, As you value bones unbroken, never lay on

him a hand, he strikes out like the lightning, and his soul is full of sand, And you wouldn't find it pleasant to have

your skulls trepanned; Room for Boston's new Lord Mayor, place for Sullivan the Grand! The unlicked and all-unlikable son and pride of Yankee land.

Ocean hoary, heavy slugger, be thy waves as soft as wool, For John Sullivan goes over firm resolved

to slug John Bull, And he'll do it since he's promised for twelve months not to be "full,"

-N. Y. Sun. America's greatest slugist, John L. Sullivan, siled for England on the 27th day of October, with the avowed intention of the head with a heavy cane, cutting his making his fortune knocking the heads off scalp. He was sober in an instant and took Jem Smith and other English sluggers, and casting upon himself a whole greenhouse full of bouquets. He says he will knock seven kinds of stars from Charley Mitchell's eyes, and place \$1,000 up for any man in the world to stand up before him four rounds. This is what America taking her medicines. The pains are all has been panting for for several years. gone from his lungs, and he does cough Kilrain is making money in England, and Sullivan has started up his menagerie and any more or raise any green matter. His back does not trouble him. He feels will rake in the British gold by the bucketstrong and good and like going any place. fuls. Now, will some of the American The improvements in his case is are won-

al be returned with interest. Jake Kilrain is matched to meet Jem Smith, the champion of England, in December for \$2,500 a side. It will occur on

September, has won quite a reputation by Bits.

The condemnation suit of the C., B. & Q the feat. He will again face Gilmore in the near future for \$1,000 a side in this state

championship. Jack McAuliffe has had the temerity to say that Billy did not knock Gilmore out fairly. Billy now challenges McAn-New York, for \$1,500 to \$2,500 per side. Jack Dempsey who made such a bustle on his debut, will fight Denny Kelliher, the Onincy middle-weight, in about three weeks. The purse will be \$1,000.

Hand ball playing, the Irish National Game, is coming to the front, and courts Thunderstorm on the 6th. have been established in all the large cities. Phil Casey of Brooklyn, is the champion player of America, and John Lawlor, champion of Great Britian and Ireland, is te play a match with him on the 22d ult., for \$2,000 and the champion of the world, at New York city.

William Beach, champion single scull of

Gus Sunstrone and John Robinson, the champion fancy swimmer, propose a con-

catch can wrestler, is about to make a match with Lewis, known as the "strang ler." If at all, it will occur outside of

Ed. J. Case of Hamilton, Ont., has defeated James Grant of Cambridge, Mass. and wrested from him the three-mile running championship of the world. Grant's record was 15 min. 1014 seconds, and Case lowered it 19% seconds to 14 min. 51 seconds. The race was for \$500 per side.

The two-mile single scull race between John Teemer and Jacob Grandaur, for \$2,000 and the championship of America, was rowed on Friday morning, Oct. 27th, having been postponed a day on account of rough water. Teemer won by about 14 lengths, in 20 min. 285g seconds. Not over \$3,000 changed hands on the result.

Harry Bethune has been beaten by an unknown-Jack Gibson-in a 100 yard race at Ottawa, Can. Over \$30,000 was staked on the match, and Bethune's backers were furious. The time was fast-91/2

J. W. Gray left Chicago on June 13, on a bicycle, travelled leisurely, visited places of United States Bonds, Local Securities, Gold and Silver interest on the way, and arrived at San Francisco about two weeks ago. He is the third to accomplish the feat.

One of the most amusing things for outsiders, is the spectacle of gentlemen's clubs in the east being taken in by hippodrome fighters. Good purses are offered, and the pugilists, by careful preparation, manage to delude the clubs into believing they have seen a fight, and carry off the cash. The Athletic Club, of Philadelphia, has

been sold by Messers. Scharzig, Simmons & Mason, to a stock company for \$50,000. along the track. He was to be married in This base ball club was organized in 1865. It won the championship of America in 1871. Anson of Chicago, was at one time a member of it, and left it in 1876, when it went under. It was reorganized, however, and joined the American Association. No league ball players have signed as

yet. The reasons are, that the clubs do not wish to advance money, and that the players do not wish to sign present contracts. There is a well founded rumor that Clarkson will play with Boston next year.

> Public Statement. TUNNEL, HAMILTON Co., Iowa, 1 July 19, 1887.

than justice that we should make a public statement of the work we know Dr. Mrs. Keck to have done in our family. The health of our sen Frank began to break down gradually. He is fifteen years of age. His kidneys began troubling him ilx years ago, and kept getting worse, untary regulations of civilized humanity. til last winter he got so that at times he could scarcely pass any urine, and it would be over half a thick redidsh sediment, looking like mest. He suffered greatly with his back aching. His lungs became affected and he coughed very hard, raising great quantities of heavy green pus. He rapidly grew worse until he was confined to his bed, being very thin in flesh, weighing only about one hundred pounds. and having heavy night sweats. He suffered very much with pains through his lungs and his liver was affected. He would cough almost constantly, evenings and mornings, and in fact a great deal all the time, raising more than a quart of green pus in twenty-four hours. He had a spell of pneumonia which left him in the above condition, and his case was pronounced quick consumption. We now decided that had better have other assistance. Not to Dr. Alcinda Auten. Office Opera House Block thinking it safe to wait six weeks longer Ottawa, Ill. Telephone, No. 127 sep13 as our home doctors did not help him we for the return of Mrs. Dr. Keck to Webster City, we wrote to her. After our giving to her every symptom and sending her a bottle of the natter he coughed up, and a bottle of his urine for examination, she sent him a thorough course of medicines, and in six weeks time he was able to go and see der when she visited Webster. But every one who saw him thought he looked very badly, and a prominent doctor hving there told us Mrs. Keck could not cure him. That he was very bad, and the ouly chance for him to recover was to travel and have a change of climate at once. But as Dr. Mrs. Keck advised us to stay right at home and give her medicines, we did so. The result is that Frank has gained over

money carried off by Charley Mitchell et derful. Respectfully,
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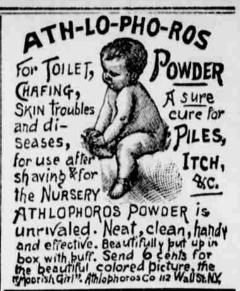
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